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LETS YOU REMOVE YOUR BOOTS WITHOUT BENDING OVER

Step-On Boot Remover

New step-on boot remover lets you remove rubber boots without bending over, saving your back and keeping "muck" off your hands, says the inventor, Dwight Ault, Austin, Minn.

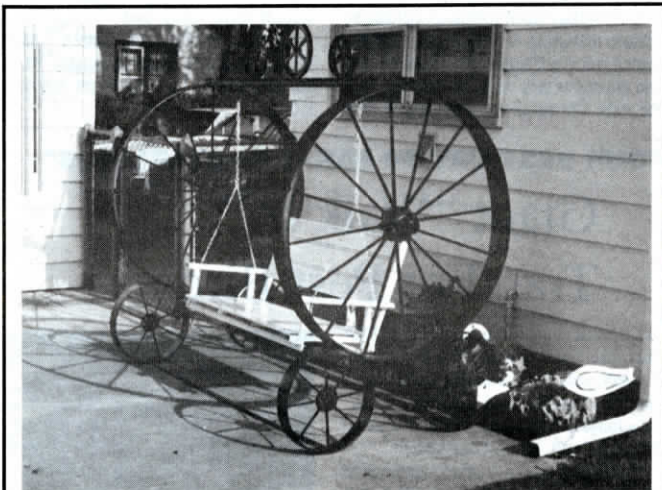
The "MuckerJack" boot remover has a 16-in. long, 4 1/2-in. wide polypropylene-and-fiberglass step-on base with a 6 1/2-in. long spring-loaded plate mounted in the middle. Four rubber pads under the base keep it from slipping. The front of the spring-loaded plate is rounded to fit the heel of a boot. You place the heel of the boot to be removed on a serrated surface-grip on the base, step down on the plate with your other foot, and pull your foot out of the boot.

Ault says he got the idea after he had hernia and knee operations 1 1/2 years ago. "Many farmers line the insides of their boots with oil, corn starch, and even baby

powder just so they can more easily remove their feet from boots. Some of them even buy boots that are one or two sizes bigger than they need just to make boot removal easier. The MuckerJack lets you remove boots without having to lean over and touch them with your hands or brace yourself against a wall, table, or chair. It eliminates the need to beat your boots on the sidewalk or steps to remove them, reducing wear and lengthening the boots' life. It works with virtually any type of boot, can be easily cleaned, and is built sturdy enough that it should last for years."

Sells for \$9.99.

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"Big Wheel" Backyard Swing

If you're looking for something unique to sit on for your porch or backyard, you'll like this "big wheel" swing made with antique metal spoked wheels.

"We bought the wheels at a farm auction for \$13. The large wheels measure 5 in. wide and 47 1/4-in. in dia. and probably came off a grain drill. The smaller wheels are 3 in. wide and 18 in. in dia. and we're not sure what machine they came from,"

says Robert P. Martin, Wichita, Kan., who says any similar style wheels would work.

Three wheels are welded together on each end with the smaller wheels serving as the "legs". Crosspipes run between each set of wheels to form the frame of the swing. The swing itself is 4 ft. wide and was fashioned out of steel shelving and miscellaneous metal.



Vegetable grows into plastic mold, assuming its shape. Photo shows popular troll face on a squash.

THEY GROW INTO THE SHAPE OF THE MOLDS

Plastic "Face Forms" For Garden Vegetables

Kids will get a big kick out of these new "face forms" that mold growing vegetables into elf or troll faces as well as into a number of other unique shapes.

The forms let you put faces on pumpkins, squash, watermelons, cucumbers and other solid type vegetables (tomatoes or peppers won't work).

Inventor Richard Tweddell, of Cincinnati, Ohio, started shaping vegetables 10 years ago. He got the idea working one summer as a fruit picker. "I started noticing that the fruits and vegetables grew around obstacles that got in their way, changing their shape. I started experimenting with different shapes and found out they'd grow into almost any shape."

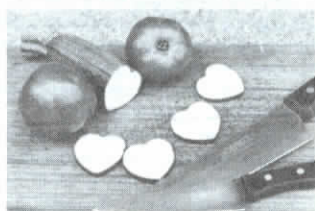
Vegiforms, as he calls them, consist of a 2-piece clear plastic mold that is secured over a growing fruit or vegetable while it's still on the vine. As the fruit or vegetable grows within the mold it gradually assumes the shape of the mold until it completely fills it. At that point, the mold halves are removed. If you harvest the living sculpture at that time, the face will hold its shape. If you let it continue to grow, the face will grow with the fruit or vegetable, but will stretch out the way a face on a balloon stretches out when you blow up the balloon.

In addition to elf and gnome faces, Tweddell also has VegiForms that form diamond or heart-shaped zucchini or cucumbers, and a corn-on-the-cob form that turns a yellow squash or gourd into a realistic-looking cob of corn.

"Interest is tremendous. Some commercial growers report that they're able to get as much as \$3 apiece for a zucchini or cucumber shaped into a heart or diamond. When sliced they retain their heart or diamond shape for cooking or use in salads. Squash or pumpkins shaped into elf faces make outstanding decorations and gourds work great because they retain their shapes permanently. They're big sellers," says Tweddell.

On some fast-growing vegetables, it takes only a few days to form a face. "A squash takes a week or less. One mold can do 14 squash in a growing season," says Tweddell, who has also experimented with forms that make "celebrity" faces such as Elvis Presley and Ronald Reagan. He is not yet selling the celebrity molds due to licensing problems with the people or the estates of the celebrities.

"People have a lot of fun with the corn-on-the-cob mold. When you use it on a yellow



Heart and diamond-shaped molds for cucumbers and zucchini give a unique look to meals.



Gourds work well with Vegiforms since faces are preserved as gourds dry. squash it looks just like the real thing. If you slip it into a pile of corn on a plate, someone almost always bites into it before they realize what it is," says Tweddell.

There are five different molds and all sell for \$9.95 each. For cucumbers, zucchini and other similar-shaped vegetables there's the "Pickle Puss" face (2 forms included), and the diamond, heart, and corn-on-the-cob-shaped molds. The fifth mold is the Garden Elf which is about 6 in. around and is intended for pumpkins, squash, melons, gourds, and other round fruits and vegetables.

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